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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 124 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/54/690 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 68th and 74th meetings, on 19 May and 2 June 2000. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/54/SR.68 and 74).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 8 May 2000 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/54/62).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.83

4. At the 74th meeting, on 2 June, the representative of Cuba, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item, reported that no agreement had been reached in the informal consultations on the question under consideration relating to the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/54/62).

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Uganda, on behalf of Kenya, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Pattern of conferences" (A/C.5/54/L.83), which read:

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"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 54/248 of 23 December 1999, in particular section B, paragraph 23,

"*Having considered* the letter dated 8 May 2000 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,

"1. *Decides* to authorize the Committee on Conferences to hold its 2000 substantive session at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

"2. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the decision taken by the Committee on Conferences to hold its 2000 substantive session at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, in response to section B, paragraph 23, of resolution 54/248, to pay for the travel of one representative of each State member of the Committee from New York to Nairobi, to attend the session;

"3. *Encourages* those members of the Committee that have official representation in Nairobi, where feasible, to be represented at the session by their officials in Nairobi;

"4. *Requests* those members of the Committee from economically more developed countries, where feasible, to finance their own travel to Nairobi."

6. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Uganda stated that, in view of the lateness of its submission, the draft resolution could be considered directly in the plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

7. At the same meeting, the Controller made a statement regarding the requirement of a statement by the Secretary-General of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.83, which would need to be considered by the Fifth Committee in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. He also stated that the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions would be required on the statement of the programme budget implications.

8. Also at the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of the draft resolution to a later date pending the receipt of a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.